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In practice, persons whose mother-tongue happened to be one of the five languages referred to above are exempted from passing a test in their mother-tongue and they have to pass only one language test.

Under the same rule a Health Inspector whose mother-tongue is Tamil or Malayalam, has to pass the test in Telugu or Kannada. As Tamil and Telugu are the two principal languages of the State, the rules were amended with effect from 1st January 1951 so as to require a Health Inspector whose mother-tongue is neither Tamil nor Telugu to pass the test in one of the two languages. This rule applies to persons who commenced their probation on or after the 1st January 1951. Those who commenced their probation before the 1st January 1951 are governed by the old rules.

"(b) An officer has to pass all the prescribed tests within the period of probation and unless he passes the test he is not entitled to increments. This is a rule applicable to all the Services and not merely to the Health Inspectors."

Increase in the number of Government buses in Madras City.

*452 Q.—Sri P. JEEVANANDAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state whether there is any proposal to increase the number of buses plying in the Madras City?

The Hon. Dr. U. KRISHNA RAO:—"Yes, Sir, but the matter is being examined."

Veterinary Hospitals and Dispensaries.

*453 Q.—Sri V. K. RAMASWAMY MUDALIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) the number of Veterinary Hospitals and Dispensaries opened every year during the last three years;

(b) the action taken by the Government with regard to answers received on the questionnaire issued by the Animal **Husbandry** department;

(c) the number of livestock farms which are now in the State and the total number of stud-bulls issued every year for rural live-stock improvement work breedwar for the last three years; and

(d) the number of Artificial Insemination Centres which are now in the State?

The Hon. Dr. R. NAGAN GOUDA:—"(a) The number of Veterinary hospitals and dispensaries opened during the last three years is—

Year.	Number opened.
1949–50	4
1950–51	Nil.
1951–52	3